

DPD Mission Statement

With a deeply rooted sense of family and a commitment to excellence, the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) provides residential, vocational, spiritual, and social services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Through competent and compassionate care, DPD empowers each person to become active, contributing, and valued members of their community, and to participate fully in life with dignity and respect. As a Catholic Charities Agency, DPD strives to end discrimination toward people with disabilities and works for social change by being a voice for justice and advocacy, and convenes others to do the same.



DPD Overview

- ◆ We are the only Catholic Organization in New Jersey and one of the largest Catholic Charities Agency in the United States providing support for adults with disabilities.
- ◆ We began serving people with disabilities over 45 years ago.
- ◆ We operate the longest running group home in the state of NJ, the Murray House in Clifton.
- ◆ We provide care for 75 adults in 9 group homes and 2 supervised apartments throughout Morris, Sussex, and Passaic Counties.
- ◆ We operate the Gruenert Center, a vocational day program for 50 men and women in Lake Hopatcong, NJ.
- ◆ We are only agency of our kind in the State of NJ accredited by (COA), the Council on Accreditation.
- ◆ We provide information and referrals for families of adults with developmental disabilities living in the community.
- ◆ We provide spiritual enrichment programs, including the Catholic Adult Religious Education (C.A.R.E) program.
- ◆ We have a dedicated network of over 100 volunteers.
- ◆ We provide pastoral care for former residents who now reside in nursing homes.

Testimonials

"I have been with the DPD for 36 wonderful years! I think of Father Wehrle as my hero, because he was the Founder of the DPD, and helped me while I adjusted to living with a new group of people. I can say that I have a wonderful life at the DPD and I am so glad this is my home!"
- Claire, DPD resident

"My experience with DPD gives me the opportunity to share and receive the beauty of unconditional love and acceptance."
- Peggy Cofrancesco, DPD volunteer

"My wife and I were always concerned about our children and where they would be when we were gone. My wife is gone now, but she was content in knowing that our children were in safe and stable family homes and environments, as I do also and will always."
- Don Smitheman, Parent

"My life is better since moving into the DPD. I have friends and I get to see my family. Living here is fun, I go out for trips and on vacation."
- Alexis, DPD resident



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Founded in 1965, the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) is a Catholic Charities Agency in the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey. The DPD is dedicated to serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

It is the DPD's mission to provide adults with developmental disabilities a life filled with love and respect. The DPD enables each person to flourish in the community and to live a high quality of life in dignity and peace.



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Our programs have been fully ACCREDITED
by the Council on Accreditation since 1986.

Your support has made a difference in the lives of so many! Please Continue to "Pave the Way" to a better life



DPD Memorial Garden in Oak Ridge, NJ

We are proud to let you know that in 2011-2012 we raised over \$50,000 on our "Pave to Save" Campaign! Since we implemented this fundraiser just over one year ago, we have installed over 100 engraved bricks, 14 benches, and a beautiful fountain that was dedicated in honor of two very generous contributors! We have also had bricks engraved for all of the residents who once lived at DPD, who have passed away. The vision of our Memorial Garden has become a reality and we can't thank you enough for your support!

We hope that you will consider purchasing a brick or making a donation to this fundraiser once again. Your support of the Pave to Save, Memorial Brick Fundraiser will allow us to continue in our ministry to provide adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities a dignified working and living environment along with education and love which will allow them to flourish and share their many gifts with other people. Thank you for all of your support and may God bless you!

Sincerely,
The DPD Family

Your Donations Have Allowed us to...

- ◆ Purchase household items for our group homes.
- ◆ Make necessary program repairs and upgrades.
- ◆ Support our recreational programs, which have empowered our residents to be active members of their communities.
- ◆ Adapt to our aging population which has made it possible for our residents to "age in place."
- ◆ Implement a Saturdays at the Center Program which will allow us to provide opportunities for social interaction for young adults in the community.
- ◆ Consider expanding our services. With over 8,000 people with disabilities on the waiting list to get into group homes in New Jersey, funds are needed to help the DPD serve more people.

Please do not hesitate to contact Chris Brancato in the Development Office at 973-406-1104 or at Chrisb@dpd.org with any questions or to visit our Memorial Garden.



Bricks and Furnishings: (Please check donation option below, attach engraving instructions, and mail in with your donation)

- 6x6 (12 characters per line, 4 lines) 9x9 (15 characters per line, 6 lines) Plant a Tree - \$800.00 donation *
 - \$150.00 donation \$400.00 donation Bench - \$1500 donation *
 - 6x9 (15 characters per line, 4 lines) Other (Monetary only) Statue - \$4,000 donation*
- * Comes with custom engraved plaque. Unlimited text.



Buy a custom engraved brick or furnishing in memory or in honor of a loved one for display as part of the DPD's new memorial garden in Oak Ridge, NJ.

3) Pay Online: www.dpd.org/brick
4) Call: Chris Brancato at (973) 406-1104 or email: chrisb@dpd.org

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1) Check: Please make checks payable to DPD and return form with tax deductible donation to:
Department for Persons with Disabilities
1 Catholic Charities Way, PO Box 2539
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

2) Credit Card: (circle one) Visa Mastercard Amex
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